

South Dakota HOGS AND PIGS

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HOG NUMBERS DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

SIOUX FALLS, June 23, 2000 --The state's June 1 inventory of **all hogs and pigs** was 1.23 million head, down 8 percent from 1999 but unchanged from last quarter, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service.

Breeding stock totaled 125,000 head, down 4 percent from 1999 but unchanged from last quarter. This was the smallest June 1 breeding herd recorded since these estimates began in 1963. **Market hogs** totaled 1,105,000 head, down 8 percent from last year.

The March through May **pig crop** was 552,000 head, 3 percent above last year. During the quarter 62,000 sows farrowed, up 3 percent from 1999. Pigs per litter averaged 8.9, unchanged from the previous year. Producers intend to farrow 60,000 sows during June through August, 9 percent above the actual farrowings a year ago. Intentions for September through November 2000 are 60,000 sows, 5 percent above actual farrowings a year earlier.

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